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Note verbale dated 10 July 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and, with reference to his note of 7 March 2002, has the honour to submit hereby the report by the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Sanctions Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1267 (1999).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 10 July 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Report by the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1267 (1999)

The Lao People's Democratic Republic attaches great importance to cooperation with other countries and the United Nations, particularly the 1267 Committee and the Counter-Terrorism Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), in combating terrorism. In order to achieve common objectives and to comply with paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1455 (2003), as well as to implement measures imposed by paragraph 4 (b) of Security Council resolution 1267 (1999), paragraph 8 (c) of Security Council resolution 1333 (2000) and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Security Council resolution 1390 (2002), the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic has taken the following measures:

1. The Lao People's Democratic Republic actively cooperates with the international community in the fight against terrorism. It has posted the list of terrorists established by the 1267 Committee in the national operation networks such as the police, banking institutions, immigration control and consular authorities in order to screen individuals and groups of individuals associated with them and freeze their properties.

2. The Lao People's Democratic Republic does not have laws and regulations aimed specifically at preventing and suppressing the financing either directly or indirectly of terrorist acts, individuals and entities. However, the Lao People's Democratic Republic has appropriate measures to control and freeze the properties of terrorists. For example, the Bank of the Lao People's Democratic Republic has issued Order Number 307/BL, dated 11 December 2001 to all commercial banks operating ir the Lao People's Democratic Republic to check for accounts and incoming aad outgoing financial transactions involving terrorist individuals and organizations as presented in the list provided by the United States Embassy in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The result of the checking of banks has disclosed that no funds nor assets in the bank or through the banking network in the Lao People's Democratic Republic are associated with terrorists or used to support terrorists activities.

3. The Lao People's Democratic Republic keeps tight control on immigration. The Ministry of Security of the Lao People's Democratic Republic has issued an Order to all Security Authorities nationwide to strengthen the screening measures for foreigners entering the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to prohibit a persona non grata and any individuals listed as international terrorists from entering the country and to closely monitor individuals and organizations involved in terrorist acts. All immigration checkpoints throughout the country are closely monitoring terrorist groups and their associated organizations. To date, the control process has disclosed no individuals, entities or organizations suspected of being involved in, or carrying out terrorist acts in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

4. Being a small and least developed country, the Lao People's Democratic Republic does not produce or supply any weapons. It does not permit the use of its territory to transport, trade or transfer any types of weapon or related materials to any terrorist groups and organizations associated with terrorist acts. The Penal Law of the Lao People's Democratic Republic prohibits the purchase and sale of firearms. Any person found in contravention of the law shall be punished.

The report by the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Counter-Terrorism Committee on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) has referred to the above-mentioned laws.